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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/663,659

Applicant(s)

CHANG, CHIH-KAI

Examiner

Hae M Hyeon

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 and 9-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 10/663,659, filed on September 17, 2003. *Specification*

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 1, lines 12-16 recites, "a rear vertical soldering portion downwardly extended *from* a rear end of said mounting portion **and the passageways in between said spacer blocks** *to* the outside of said housing for soldering to a circuit board." It seems that the description of the passageways and the spacer blocks are missing. Claim 1 does not recite the structural description and relationship of the passageways and the spacer blocks related to the electric connector and the other elements.
- Claim 8, lines 12-16 recites, "a rear vertical soldering portion downwardly extended *from* a rear end of said mounting portion **the passageways in between said spacer blocks** *to*

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the outside of said housing for soldering to a circuit board.” It seems that claim 8 also do not describe the passageways and the spacer blocks. Although line 6 of claim 8 recites the passageways, it seems that the passageways in line 6 are different from the passageways recited in line 14 because the passageways in line 6 are defined in between **the adjacent protruding blocks** and the passageways in line 14 are defined in between **the spacer blocks**.

5. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the passageways" in line 14. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

6. Claim 1 recites the limitation "said spacer blocks" in lines 14-15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

7. Claim 8 recites the limitation "said spacer blocks" in lines 14-15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 2-7 and 9-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 1 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: In combination with all the limitations recited in the independent claim, all the prior arts do not show an electric connector comprising a back cover having a flat pressure wall and a finger unit

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or a plurality of partition flanges adapted to hold down a rear vertical soldering portions of a terminal mounted in a recessed rear mounting side of an insulative housing.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patent No. 4,556,264 by Tanaka, US Patent No. 5,403,207 by Briones, US Patent No. 5,885,111 by Yu, US Patent No. 6,093,060 by Wiebking et al., US Patent No. 6,402,563 B1 by Shi et al., and US Patent Application Publication 2002/0146940 A1 by Colantuono et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hae M Hyeon whose AU is 2839 and whose telephone number is 571-272-2093. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (8:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D Feild can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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For additional information regarding this new address, which was effective May 1, 2003, see *Correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office*, 68 Fed. Reg. 14332 (March 25, 2003).

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